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SUBJECT: UAE WILL SUPPORT KOSOVO'S IMF/WB MEMBERSHIP

Classified by DCM Doug Greene for reasons 1.4 (b,d).

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¶1. (C) On April 19, DCM delivered reftel demarche urging the UAE to support Kosovo's World Bank and IMF membership to UAE Central Bank Governor Sultan Al Sowaidi. Al Sowaidi reiterated that the UAEG had recognized Kosovo and that he did not foresee a problem in approving WB/IMF membership for Kosovo. He said his staff would act on the related paperwork "expeditiously." Later on April 19, UAE Central Bank Strategy Unit Chief Ahmed Qamzi called DCM to confirm that the Governor would approve Kosovo's membership as soon as the relevant paperwork is received.

¶2. (C) DCM also demarched MFA Director of European and American Affairs Abdel Hamid Kathem on April 15, who gave no substantive response.
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